

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:168
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CRISIS IN RATIONING SYSTEM
Radhakrishnan Shri Varkala

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Public Distribution System in Kerala is facing a severe crisis due to the reductions made in food subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and remedial action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the demand for wheat under Public Distribution System in the States has increase due to the changed food habits of consumers and shortage of wheat in open market;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has decided to restore the wheat Quota to the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a): No Sir,
- (b): In view of (a), question does not arise.
- (c): The State Government has reported that the demand for wheat has increased due to the changed food habits of consumers.
- (d)&(e): On the request of the State Government, an adhoc/additional allocation of a total of 83000 Tons of wheat for the APL families has been made to the State of Kerala from September, 2006 to July, 2007. In addition to this, the Government has also decided to make one time special allocation of 21000 tons of rice to the State of Kerala during the month of August, 2007 for the Onam festival.